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OUCH.
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MY BACK ACHES AS IF I HAD TO RIDE IN AN ECONOMY SEAT.
(sob)
I'VE BEEN SITTING THERE ON KODAMA'S BACK FOR SO LONG, I'M ALL CRAMPED UP.
GIVE ME A BREAK, YOU GUYS WAIT UP
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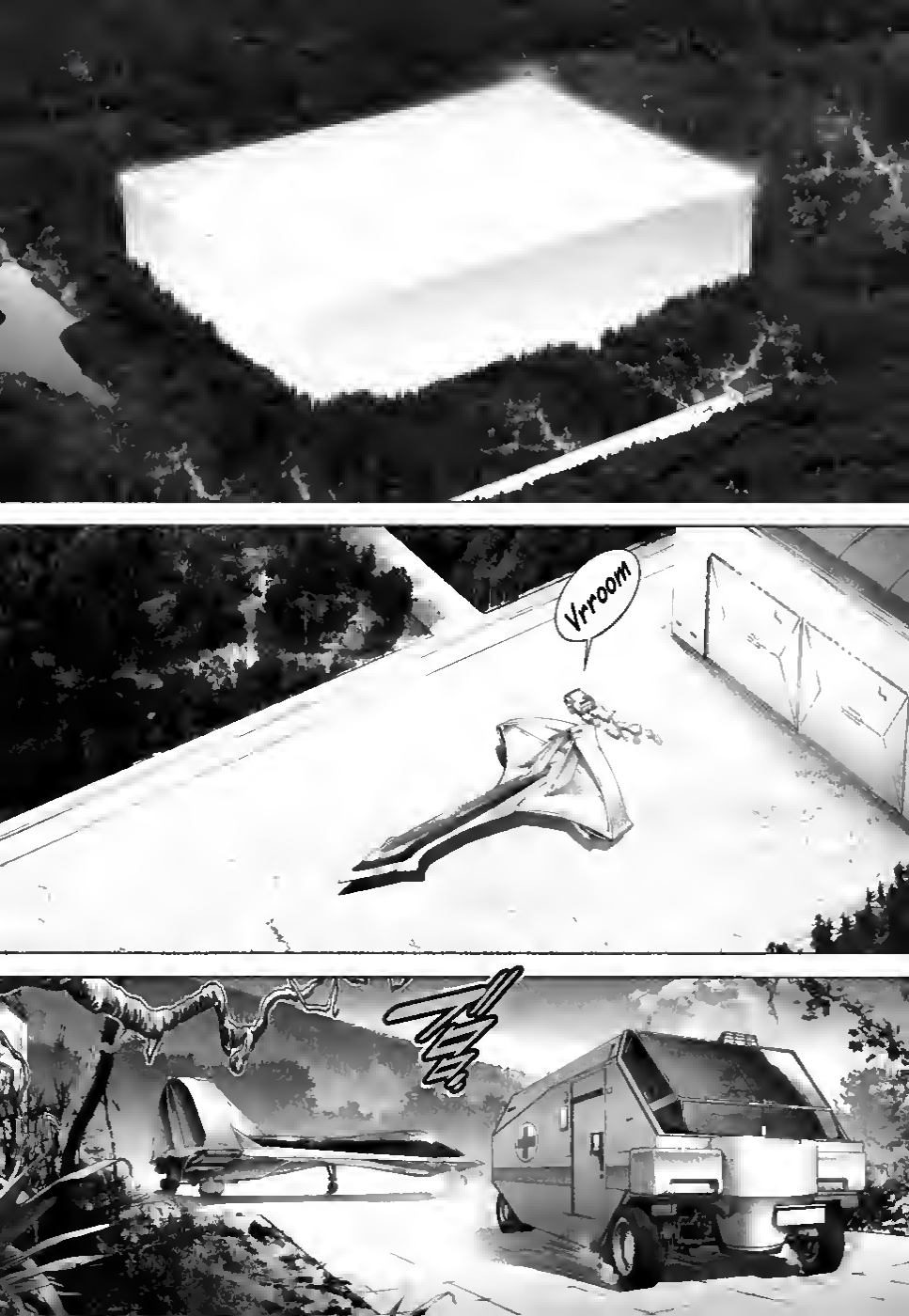
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SHH
ドゥ
SHH
RYUCHIN

HUH?
!

HMM...
.....
WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED BY JUNGLE,
BUT THERE ARE HUGE BUILDINGS INSIDE THIS CUBE
IT'S SO CALM HERE IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE IN SOME SORT OF MYTHICAL PLACE
IT FEELS LIKE A UTOPIA

JUST WHAT IS THIS FACILITY, KIRA KIYOSHI?
HOW DO WE FIND ITS WEAK POINT?
.....
HMMM.

IT'S SO PEACEFUL, EH?
♪
KIRA KIYO-SHI!
HEY, HEY
TAKE A LOOK THERE
?
!

GOOD JOB ♡
HYAA!
THERE!!
NICE KICK ♡
Grrr
Grrrr.
(angry)

IT WAS PROBABLY JUST BORN.
THAT KYOJIN ISN'T A SOLDIER YET.
?
JUST BORN?
BIP
AND CUT OUT THE MENACING GROWLS.
STOP IT KOOAMA! DON'T GO INTO FIGHTING MODE, OKAY?
NO NO!
YEP.
A NEWBORN, PROBABLY
LET'S GO CHECK WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS.

HIH
HYUCHIH
DON'T KILL HIM JUST PUT HIM TO SLEEP, OKAY?
UNDER-STOOD. HE WON'T WAKE UP FOR HALF A DAY.
OH! ♡ FOUND IT ♫
THIS FACILITY IS SOME KIND OF SECRET BASE, EH?
THERE ARE TWELVE MORE FLOORS UNDER-GROUND
KIRA KIYO-SHI...

...WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HERE WE ARE!
AND NOW, WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE KYOJIN-KUN CLONES
WE'RE GOING TO FIND THEIR BIRTHPLACE
Gah-hah!

.....
WHAT ARE THEY?
WHY ARE THEY SLEEPING UNDERWATER?
IT'S CLONING.
AND THEY'RE IN AMNIOTIC FLUID, NOT WATER.
HUMAN CLONES?
ARE THEY TRYING TO BUILD AN ARMY WITH THEM?

THEY'RE JUST PART OF IT
WASN'T THIS BUILD BY THE AMERICANS?
PROBABLY?
MASS SOLDIER CLONING, PROBABLY
THIS IS PROBABLY A PROJECT SPEARHEADED BY THE AMERICANS
IT'S A LOT OF WORK TO TRAIN THEM AFTER THEY'RE BORN TOO
(smirk)
(IF YOU'RE IN THE ARMY BUSINESS)
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I CAN'T SAY THAT THIS METHOD IS AN EFFICIENT WAY TO BUILD AN ARMY
YES, YOU TOO ♡
GOOD WORK TODAY
LET'S SEE IF THIS WORKS LIKE THOSE THRILLERS I'VE READ
WELLLL, I'M JUST MAKING A ROUGH PREDICTION. SO LET'S JUST ASK THEM IN PERSON
(smirk)
THEN WHY ARE THEY DOING SOMETHING AS FOOLISH AS THIS?

OFF TO THE OTHER RING-LEADER'S PLACE!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE FLIGHT,
ACCORDING TO THE FACILITY'S COMPUTER THAT IS
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BOARD THE PLANE
FLIP
.....

KIRA KIYO-SHI...
ARE THOSE ALL CLONES?
YES. THEY'RE ALL CLONES
AT THAT AGE,
THEY ALL LOOK SO INNOCENT, DON'T THEY?
THEY'RE LIKE THE KYOJINS YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE
(ha-ha)
!
UM...

YOU GUYS CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE PEOPLE FROM "EDEN."
EDEN?
EDEN IS THE NAME OF THIS FACILITY, RIGHT?
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT WE CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
.....
IOUN!

IDUN?
THAT'S MY NAME
THERE, THIS PLANT HERE -
IT'S NOT FROM EDEN
THIS GIRL'S AWE-SOME!!
YOU'D MAKE A GREAT DETECTIVE ♡
SO THE NATIVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU ARE SMART, EH?
NATIVE?
.....
IDUN-CHAN,
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE OF THE WORLD?
THE WORLD?
HERE!

THE FOURTH FRUIT.
THE FOURTH ... FRUIT?
POMUM
YES
IT'S THE POMUM* COMPUTER
THE FOURTH FRUIT THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
*T/N: IN LATIN, POMUM MEANS APPLE.

IT'S THE "FORBIDDEN FRUIT" THAT GIVES YOU WISDOM.
IF YOU SLACK OFF, I WILL CRUSH YOU!!
It'll hurt
WELL, BASICALLY, WE'RE UP AGAINST THE AMERICANS.
IF WE TRY TO DEFY THEM NOW, WE'LL JUST BE THROWING AWAY OUR LIVES.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO NEGOTIATE...
.....
...WITH THE OTHER RINGLEADER...
...AT THE BIFROST KINGDOM!!

ONE MONTH LATER.
BANG
ADMIRAL JOHNNY.
IN THE BIFROST KINGDOM.
Twirl
PREMIUM
ALC. 7.0

crack
crack
shatter
.....
THE GUN-BOAT.

ALL RIGHT.
LISTEN, AND LISTEN WELL!!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE...
...YOU CAN'T REVEAL SECRETS!!
THAT'S MY CLIENT'S WISH!!
AND THEN...
.....

...THERE IS RUN-OVER!!

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